

AMENDMENT

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1. (Twice Amended) A component placement machine for placing components on a printed circuit board, comprising:

- a transport device for transporting printed circuit boards in an X-direction;
- at least one feeder area with components;
- a Y-slide, which is drivable in the X-direction; and
- at least two placement heads on said Y-slide, each of the at least two placement heads being capable of placing components from the at least one feeder area onto the printed circuit board,

wherein each of the at least two placement heads move simultaneously in the X-direction and are independently drivable in a Y-direction.

2. (Amended) The component placement machine as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of Y-slides, which are independently drivable in the X-direction, each of the plurality of Y-slides being provided with at least two placement heads.